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Minutes 11/17/2003 -Parks Subcommittee

Capital Planning Committee

Public Works Sub-Committee

Parks

November 17, 2003

Meeting with Don Vitters were John Bilafer, and Tony Lionetta.

Prior Year Requests

1. **Thorndike Field:** Balances in FY98 (\$11,999) and FY 01 (\$14,519) were discussed. **It appears that these can be swept.** Don V. is to get back to us, if there is some reason why these should not be swept. Note: There will be some wood rail work that will be done, but it will be done / paid for by ROADS, the Contractor for the Rte 2 Bridge. ROADS is currently using a portion of the park for construction staging. ROADS will repair surface and install railing per prior agreement with the Town.
2. **Feasibility Studies:** There are three years of this requests that have not been spent. **It was agreed that the FY 02 amount can be swept** and FY 03 & 04 amounts remain. Also, the FY 05 request will be withdrawn.
3. **Other Projects:** FY 04 projects at Buzzell Field and Locke Playground are going to be assigned to a LA firm soon

This Year Requests

1. **Spy Pond Shore:** There is presently \$500,000 in prior year requests to restore this facility. The program calls for an additional \$500,000 this year. While it was intended that this restoration be undertake via two construction contracts, Parks now would like to implement as the work thru one construction contract. The feeling is that this will be a more economical approach. They are also hopeful that the request for this year can be reduce from \$500k to around \$375k. They will let Nancy G. know in a few weeks.
2. **Florence Avenue:** Request for \$25k is for replacement of timber edging. Note: The money swept from Thorndike will offset this.
3. **Feasibility Study:** This request dropped given availability of prior year amounts.
4. **General Comment:** Don V. noted that requests for funds begin to drop off in a few years. This is the last critical year as far as project requirements >> Spy Pond Shore